

REMARKS

This paper is in response to the Office Action of October 19, 2006. The due date for response extends to January 19, 2006.

Claims 4-5, 8, and 11-17 were cancelled. Claims 6, 9 and 10 were converted into independent form. The total number of independent claims is five (5). Three (3) independent claims were paid for, and thus, 2 independent claims were added by way of this amendment.

The Examiner has objected to the drawings, but did not require formal drawings to be submitted with this response. Formal drawings are being prepared, and will be filed no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Claims 5 and 15 were objected. Claims 5 and 15 were cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 11, 13, 15, and 16 were rejected under 35 USC § 102(b). This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, for purposes of expediting prosecution, the Applicants have elected to incorporate the allowable subject matter into the independent claims. The Applicants therefore reserve the right to file broader scope claims, similar to the original claims, in a later filed continuation application, if so desired.

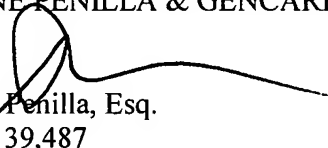
Claims 3-6 and 8-10 were objected to, but were indicated to contain allowable subject matter. The allowed subject matter was incorporate into claims 1 and 7. Thus, claims 1 and 7 are submitted to be allowable. Claims 6, 9 and 10, were dependent claims, but as they were allowable, the subject matter of their respective independent claim, was incorporated into claims 6, 9 and 10. Thus, claims 6, 9 and 10 are submitted to be allowable.

A notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions concerning the present amendment, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at (408) 749-6903. If any other fees are due in connection with filing this amendment, the Commissioner is also authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No SUNMP382). A duplicate copy of the transmittal is enclosed for this purpose.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No SUNMP382) for the two (2) additional independent claims, for a total fee of \$200.00.

Respectfully submitted,
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